

SENATE BILL 3781

By Bell

AN ACT to amend Chapter 17 of the Private Acts of 1955; as amended by Chapter 231 of the Private Acts of 1957; Chapter 142 of the Private Acts of 1965; Chapter 429 of the Private Acts of 1968; Chapter 178 of the Private Acts of 1971; Chapter 64 of the Private Acts of 1973 and Chapter 268 of the Private Acts of 1976; and any other acts amendatory, relative to courts in Bradley County.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Chapter 17 of the Private Acts of 1955, as amended by Chapter 231 of the Private Acts of 1957, as amended by Chapter 142 of the Private Acts of 1965, as amended by Chapter 429 of the Private Acts of 1968, as amended by Chapter 178 of the Private Acts of 1971, as amended by Chapter 64 of the Private Acts of 1973, as amended by Chapter 268 of the Private Acts of 1976, and any other acts amendatory thereto, is amended in SECTION 3 by adding the following as a new subsection thereto:

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(1) In those matters in which the Court of General Sessions exercises concurrent jurisdiction with the Circuit and Chancery Courts, the Court of General Sessions is hereby vested with full power and authority to transfer cases to the Circuit and Chancery Courts for acceptance by said court of such transfer.

(2) The Court of General Sessions is hereby vested with full power and authority to accept transfers of cases from the dockets of the Circuit and Chancery Courts in such cases as the Court of General Sessions has concurrent jurisdiction with the Circuit and Chancery Courts.

(3) The Court of General Sessions is hereby vested with the power and authority to participate with the Circuit and Chancery Courts in an establishment with a common docket to hear and determine all cases which may be brought in

Bradley County, Tennessee and assigned to such docket for hearing by the judges of said courts and such matters as said courts exercise concurrent jurisdiction with full power, authority and jurisdiction to make and enforce by legal process orders and decrees, such judgments, decisions and orders as may be properly or lawfully made in the premises upon all such matters.

SECTION 2. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to that end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 3. This act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the legislative body of Bradley County, Tennessee. Its approval or nonapproval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of the Bradley County Commission and certified to the secretary of state.

SECTION 4. For the purpose of approving or rejecting the provisions of this act, it shall be effective upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, it shall become effective as provided in Section 3.